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THE BUFFALO MEETING.

THE meeting last week was one of the smallest in the recent history of the Association, but it was of unusual interest and importance. The address of the retiring president, which we have already published, was from a master hand, and the meeting was presided over by one of the great men of science of the world. The scientific work of the sections was as a rule good, and in several cases, especially in chemistry, in geology and in botany, was excellent. We must count on another comparatively small meeting at Detroit next year, but we believe that the outlook has never during the present decade been more hopeful for the Association.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science has two serious difficulties with which it must contend. One of these is the scattering of American men of science over a wide territory; the other is the increased specialization in science